BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2007-61-S

for adjustment of rates and charges	IN RE:)	
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Personally appeared before me Tracy Barnes who, having first been duly sworn, deposes and states as follows:

- 1. My name is Tracy Barnes and I am an employee of the law firm of Willoughby & Hoefer, P.A. ("Willoughby & Hoefer"). I am competent to make this affidavit. The facts stated in this affidavit are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.
- 2. Willoughby & Hoefer currently represents Woodland Utilities, Inc. in its Application for Adjustment of Rates and Charges for the Provision of Sewer Service in Docket No. 2007-61-S of the South Carolina Public Service Commission ("Commission").
- 3. On March 5, 2007, our offices received a letter from the Commission dated February 28, 2007, wherein the Commission required our firm to "[p]ublish at [its] own expense, on or before March 12, 2007, the enclosed Notice of Filing and Hearing in newspapers of general circulation in the affected areas".
- 4. On March 5, 2007, I contacted Hilda Crain at the Lexington County Chronicle & The Dispatch-News ("Lexington Chronicle"), a newspaper in Lexington County. Upon information and belief, Ms. Crain was responsible for the publication of legal notices in the Lexington Chronicle.

5. I informed Ms. Crain that our offices desired to employ their services to publish the Notice of Filing and Hearing ("Notice") as required by the Commission. Based upon my understanding that the Lexington Chronicle is a weekly newspaper published only on Thursdays, I informed Ms. Crain that the Notice needed to be published no later than Thursday, March 8, 2007. It was my understanding from this conversation that the Notice would be published on this date.

6. On Monday, March 12, 2007, at approximately 4:00 p.m., Ms. Crain contacted our offices and I learned that the Lexington Chronicle had failed to publish the Notice in its Thursday, March 8, 2007, edition as discussed in our earlier conversations.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Tracy Barnes

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME

This 23rd day of march, 20

Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission Expires: 1/28/2015